

School of Social Sciences Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2007

Those present:

James Beeby, Donna Dahlgren, Lizabeth Eckerd, William Farrell, Linda Gugin, Thomas Kotulak, Robert Lennartz, Robin Morgan, Bernadette Olson, Gregory Phipps, James St. Clair, Yu Shen, Dean Cliff Staten, and Diane Wille

Dean Staten opened the meeting by welcoming everyone back for the new semester.

Announcements:

1. Enrollment: Head count is up 2.6 percent and credit hours are up 2.0 percent. The third floor of the old Library building (University Center South) is ready for occupancy. Take a self-guided tour and enjoy this fantastic new space.
2. Reminder to Discipline Review Committees: Every third year, faculty are reviewed for research reassigned time. This year our faculty who will be reviewed are: Frank Thackeray and Yu Shen (History); Linda Gugin and Tom Kotulak (Political Science); Debbie Finkel and Robin Morgan (Psychology); and Rick Jenks (Sociology).
3. The Common Experience theme chosen for 2007-08 is *Identity in a Multicultural World: Who am I?* The Chair for 07-08 is Gloria Murray. A book has been chosen for each semester. Fall semester, *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barak Obama was chosen. Spring semester, *Skull Wars: Kennewick Man, Archeology, and the Battle for Native American Identity* by David Hurst Thomas. Fifty-seven sections used the Common Experience book last year with Social Sciences leading the way. Thanks for your support.
4. Safety Issues: If you are in any university building after hours, please let the IUS Police Department know. Student researchers are not to be in the building after hours alone. You must be present with them. Also, due to robberies, please do not leave your office doors open if you are not present in the office for any length of time.
5. Housing Issues: As per Bill Cochran, the Indiana House will approve our housing. The Governor is using it as a bargaining chip. In order for the housing to open on the current time line, it has to be approved by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If this occurs and the construction proceeds on time, the housing could be occupied in Fall 2008.
6. Our budget will be submitted next month to the administration. Our school was basically told not to ask for any extras. CTU is the only extra money available. We have not had final approval of CTU money as yet.
7. Dean Staten announced that this year is his ninth year as Dean of the School of Social Sciences. He also announced that he will seek another term as Dean. Linda Gugin is chairing a review committee for Dean Staten.
8. History Candidates will be on campus next week beginning on Wednesday. Please try to attend at least one session with each candidate.

Questions and Concerns:

A question was asked regarding the Chancellor Review Process. Has a committee been appointed to Review Chancellor Patterson-Randles? Dean Staten said that he did not know exactly what had been done in that regard and it was also noted that the rules for reviewing the Chancellor are vague and that there seems to be more than one set of rules.

Another concern was voiced regarding students= rights regarding their records. Students need to be able to see accurate records on One Start. Dean Staten agreed and reported that he had voiced this concern many times with the administration. A new programmer has been hired and is being trained in the programming process. This person will be working with each school to correct any problems in the future. Dean Staten suggested that faculty use paper check lists when advising and manually add hours to check the students= progress until the problems with One Start are corrected.

Regarding computers, can faculty have laptop rather than desk top computers when their computers are replaced? Dean Staten offered to check with Larry Mand to see if this if possible.

Dean Staten asked if any were interested in the Social Sciences Dinner Club again this semester. Sara Hare has indicated by email that she is interested and Dean Staten said that he would ask Sara to coordinate.

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.